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1. (Secret - JGO) Met with Mr. John R. Blandford, Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, and discussed with him the general question of responses to queries raised on different occasions by Representative Sonny Montgomery (D., Miss.). In brief, Mr. Blandford suggested that this is a matter that might best be handled through Chairman Hebert if need arises since it appears to fall fairly completely within the context of Committee responsibility. At present, at least, it is his opinion that direct responses are not necessary.

2. (Internal Use Only - JGO) Met with Mrs. Mary Bruner, Secretary to Representative H. Allen Smith (R., Calif.), and gave her a number of items from the Congressional Record, the press, congressional hearings, etc. for use by Representative Allen in responding to the letter of 29 February from Mr. Bohdan Buchynsky of Glendale College. Miss Bruner told me the material provided was more than sufficient and that no further response to Representative Smith's letter of 6 March to the Director would be necessary.

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3.  Met with Mr. Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, and discussed with him the OMB/DOD handling of the Fiscal 1972 budget allocation and the funding of the CIA pay increases legislation. Since funds have been made available to the Agency as approved by OMB, Mr. Preston will look solely to DOD for the resolution of the \$17 million shortage in the DOD budget requests. Mr. Sherman, OPPB, has been advised.

I briefed Mr. Preston on the following items: Cambodian/North Vietnam negotiations, deployment of Communist forces in eastern Cambodia, ChiCom Mao-class attack submarine and missile site in south central China; a Soviet bomber, short range ballistic missile system, SS-NX-8 missile, and Soviet naval facilities at Cienfuegos.

4. (Unclassified - JMM) Mr. Tweedy and I met with Russ Blandford, Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, prior to our session with Representative Durward Hall (R., Mo.), see below.

5. (Unclassified - JMM) Accompanied Mr. Tweedy in meeting Dr. Hall (R., Mo.) in response to a query to the Director about certain problems within the intelligence community. See Memo for Record.

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